

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for processing incoming calls according to at least the ~~H.323 protocol~~ comprising:
 - receiving at least first and second incoming calls;
 - retaining the first incoming call in a first state;
 - waiting until the first incoming call progresses to a second state;
 - answering the second incoming call and placing it in the first state after the first incoming call progresses to the second state; and
 - transitioning the second incoming call in the first state to a second state.
2. (original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the first state is a pending answer state and the second state is a call connected state.
3. (original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
 - starting a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and
 - hanging up the second incoming call and placing it in a third state if the timer expires.
4. (original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
 - waiting until the first incoming call progresses to a third state; and
 - answering the second incoming call and placing it in the first state if the first incoming call progresses to the third state.
5. (currently amended) A processor-based videoconferencing station comprising a medium storing instructions for causing the processor to:
 - receive at least first and second incoming calls according to at least the ~~H.323 protocol~~;
 - retain the first incoming call in a first state;
 - wait until the first incoming call progresses to a second state;
 - answer the second incoming call and place it in the first state after the first incoming call progresses to the second state; and
 - transition the second incoming call in the first state to a second state.

6. (original) The station as recited in claim 5 wherein the first state is a pending answer state and the second state is a call connected state.
7. (original) The station as recited in claim 5, wherein the medium further stores instructions for causing the processor to:
 - start a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and
 - hang up the second incoming call and place it in a third state if the timer expires.
8. (original) The station as recited in claim 5, wherein the medium further stores instructions for causing the processor to:
 - wait until the first incoming call progresses to a third state; and
 - answer the second incoming call and place it in the first state if the first incoming call progresses to the third state.
9. (currently amended) A processor-based video conferencing station comprising:
 - a receiver for at least first and second incoming calls ~~according to at least the H.323 protocol;~~
 - a memory for maintaining the state of each incoming call in at least first and second states; and
 - an analyzer for retaining the first incoming call in a first state; waiting until the first incoming call progresses to the second state; answering the second incoming call and placing it in the first state after the first incoming call progresses to the second state; and transitioning the second incoming call in the first state to the second state.
10. (original) The station of claim 9, wherein the first state is a pending answer state and the second state is a call connected state.
11. (original) The station of claim 9, wherein the analyzer is further for:
 - starting a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and
 - hanging up the second incoming call and placing it in a third state if the timer expires.

12. (original) The station of claim 9, wherein the analyzer is further for:
 - waiting until the first incoming call progresses to a third state; and
 - answering the second incoming call and placing it in the first state if the first incoming call progresses to the third state.